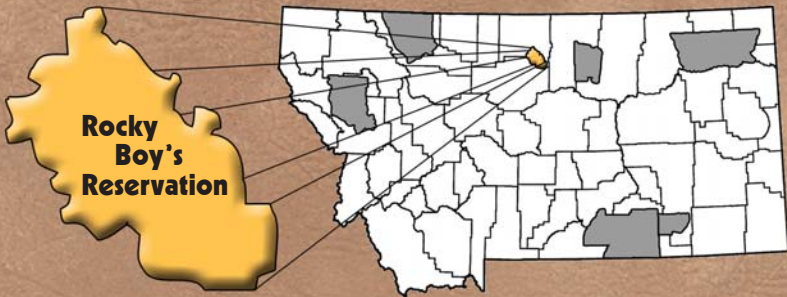




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Rocky Boy's Reservation

Rocky Boy's Reservation, located in north-central Montana, encompasses 122,000 acres of rolling high-plains grasslands to the sub-alpine mountains of the Bear Paw. Located nearly 50 miles south of the Alberta and Saskatchewan Canadian border, the reservation is home to 55% of the 5,656 enrolled Chippewa Cree tribal members.

The economy is primarily supported by agriculture and livestock. Wheat, barley, and cattle are raised on the tribally-owned Dry Fork Farm and Ranch and Stone Man Farms. A key ingredient for continued agricultural and recreational development is water. The Chippewa Cree Tribal Construction Company is currently constructing a system that will transport water from the Tiber reservoir to the reservation and fulfill an objective of the North Central Montana Regional Water Coordinating Committee.

The majority of reservation residents work for the self-governing Chippewa Cree Tribe. Compacts are maintained with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Indian Health Service. BIA employment, together with tribal government, provides work for 231 full- and part-time employees. Other employers include: Chippewa Cree Community Development Corporation (25), Rocky Boy Public Schools (184), Stone Child Community College (57), Chippewa Cree Construction Corporation (14), National Tribal Development Association (9), Northern Winz Casino (70), RJS & Associates (4), and Chippewa Cree Housing Authority (25). The Tribe's compact with Indian Health provides opportunities for 135 staff members within the Rocky Boy Health Board.

Stone Child College provides distance learning for its students, administers an endowment for undergraduate and graduate degree students, offers a teacher training program, and is developing a pre-engineering program for transfer to a baccalaureate program. The Tribe coordinates with the college to ensure revitalization of the Chippewa Cree language, culture, values, and traditions respected by the community and leaders. Cooperative effort between the Chippewa Cree Tribe and Stone Child College is bringing forth an update on tribal strategic planning in 2007.

Emerging industries on the Rocky Boy's Reservation include Chippewa Cree Energy, Rocky Boy Tourism, and two privately owned businesses.

Rocky Boy's Reservation - Agricultural Statistics

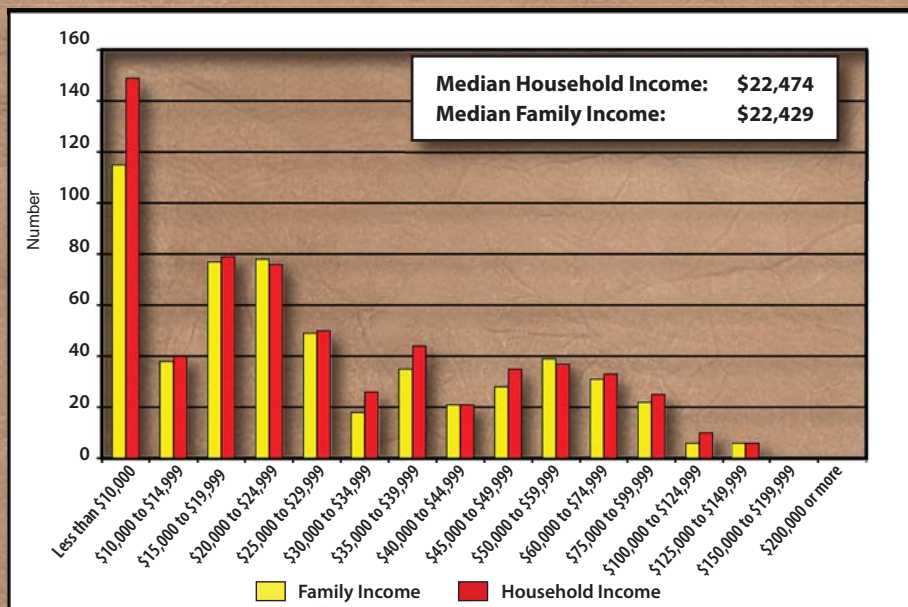
2002 Census of Agriculture

Farms Operated by
All Farms American Indians

Farms		
Farms: (number)	42	39
Land in farms (acres)	105,193	93,365
Average size of farms (acres)	2,505	2,394
Farms by size: (number)		
Less than 1,000 acres	29	29
1,000 acres or more	13	10
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)		
Less than \$100,000	39	37
\$100,000 or more	3	2
Farms by type of organization: (number)		
Family, Individual, Partnership	35	34
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	7	5
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested		
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)		
Cattle and calves	2,213	2,213
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)
Sheep and lambs	-	-
Horses and ponies	347	347
Bison	(D)	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	0	0
Crops Harvested (acres)		
Corn for grain	-	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	-	-
Wheat for grain, All	6,473	(D)
Winter wheat for grain	-	-
Durum wheat for grain	(D)	-
Spring wheat for grain	(D)	(D)
Barley for grain	(D)	(D)
Oats for grain	(D)	(D)
Sunflower seed, All	-	-
Soybeans for beans	-	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	2,227	2,227
Operator Demographics		
Primary occupation: (number)		
Farming	24	19
Other	30	25
Place of residence: (number)		
On farm operated	47	39
Not on farm operated	7	5
Years on present farm: (number)		
Less than 10 years	22	17
10 years or more	32	27
Age group: (number)		
Under 55 years	40	32
55 years and over	14	12
Average age of operators: (number)	50.4	50.9

(D): Not Disclosable Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

Rocky Boy's Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Household Income: This includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years old and over in the household, whether they are related to the householder or not. Because many households consist of only one person, average household income is usually less than average family income.

Family Income: In compiling statistics on family income, the incomes of all members 15 years old and over related to the householder are summed and treated as a single amount.

Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

Housing	Total	American Indian
Owner Occupied	40.8%	41.0%
Renter Occupied	59.2%	59.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Rocky Boy's Reservation - Labor Force Statistics

The table below provides labor force statistics from three separate sources. The reader will notice some of the numbers are dissimilar, owing to the differing definitions and statistical techniques used by each source. These differences are explained below:

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Unemployment rates produced by MT Department of Labor
- Labor Force definition
 - Civilian, non-institutional population 16 years and older
 - The sum of Employment and Unemployment
- Employment definition
 - Did any work as paid employees
 - Worked in their own business, profession, or farm
 - Worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family owned enterprise
- Unemployment definition
 - Have not worked during monthly survey period (usually the week containing the 12th of the month)
 - Available for work
 - Actively seeking a job during last four weeks
- Unemployment Rate definition
 - Equal to the number of Unemployed divided by number in the Labor Force

U.S. Census Bureau:

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Uses the same definitions for Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment as BLS
- Self-reported every ten years
- Rate reflects employment status as of April 1st, 2000

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the tribe, not the reservation.
- Labor Force definition
 - Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old
 - Available for work
 - Not disabled or incarcerated
- Employment definition
 - Tribal members working for money
- Unemployment definition
 - Calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force

	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemp.	Unemp. Rate
MT Dept. of Labor & Industry	2006	889	743	146	16.4%
U.S. Census Bureau	2000	952	682	270	28.4%
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	2005	2,030	652	1,378	67.9%

Rocky Boy's Wage & Salary Employment

Annual Averages 2005 - 2006

Industry	2005		2006		Employ Growth	Wage Growth
	Employ.	Wages	Employ.	Wages		
Total	746	\$32,006	735	\$35,432	-1.4%	10.7%
Total Private	31	\$34,318	63	\$31,916	102.2%	-7.0%
Construction	N/A	N/A	15	\$21,036	-	-
Total Government	716	\$31,907	498	\$37,501	-30.5%	17.5%
Federal Government	4	\$38,053	5	\$40,961	35.4%	7.6%
Local Government	712	\$31,875	667	\$35,717	-6.3%	12.1%
Local Government Education	247	\$30,432	238	\$33,169	-3.6%	9.0%
Local Government Non-Education	437	\$32,748	396	\$37,677	-9.3%	15.1%

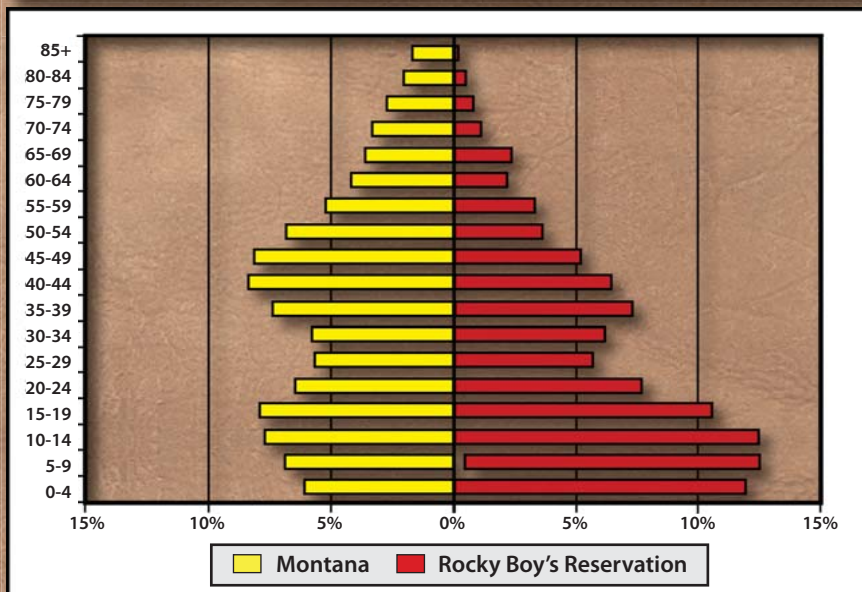
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

*Does not include Fort Belknap Tribal Government

Note: This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. Some sectors are not shown to preserve confidentiality of individual businesses

Rocky Boy's Reservation - Population Pyramid

Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Rocky Boy's Reservation - Occupation by Gender

Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	Total	American Indians
Total:	682	648
Male:	361	347
Mgmt., professional, and related occupations	97	87
Service occupations	119	115
Sales and office occupations	23	23
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	7	7
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occs.	66	66
Production, transport., and material moving occs.	49	49
Female:	321	301
Management, professional, and related occs.	140	127
Service occupations	76	72
Sales and office occupations	87	87
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0	0
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occs.	0	0
Production, transport., and material moving occs.	18	15

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Rocky Boy's Reservation - Educational Attainment

Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment	Total	American Indian
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	26.7%	26.6%
Associate Degree	14.3%	14.7%
Bachelor's Degree	6.6%	6.7%
Master's Degree	3.6%	3.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

American Indian and Total Population for Rocky Boy's Reservation and Related Areas

	American Indian Population						
	Census	Estimates					
Geography	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Rocky Boy's Reservation	2,578	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chouteau County	883	879	879	874	880	873	875
Boneau CDP*	185	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hill County	2,853	2,931	2,914	2,961	3,007	3,061	3,114
Agency CDP*	303	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Azure CDP*	241	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Parker School CDP*	344	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Pierre CDP*	282	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sangrey CDP*	252	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Total Population						
	Census	Estimates					
Geography	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Rocky Boy's Reservation	2,676	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chouteau County	5,970	5,769	5,639	5,577	5,532	5,464	5,417
Boneau CDP*	190	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hill County	16,673	16,530	16,355	16,263	16,345	16,276	16,403
Agency CDP*	324	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Azure CDP*	253	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Parker School CDP*	352	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Pierre CDP*	289	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sangrey CDP*	263	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

n/a = Not available

*Census designated places (CDPs) are delineated for each decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places. CDPs are delineated to provide data for settled concentrations of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated under the laws of the state in which they are located. The boundaries usually are defined in cooperation with local and tribal officials. These boundaries, which usually coincide with visible features or the boundary of an adjacent incorporated place or other legal entity boundary, have no legal status, nor do these places have officials elected to serve traditional municipal functions.

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